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E.O. 11652:GDS TAGS:PINS, MX SUBJECT: PATTERSON CASE
1. MRS. ANNE PATTERSON EXPRESSED DESIRE TO VISIT FBI HEADQUARTERS AND APPOINTMENT WAS SET UP FOR HER AND DAUGHTER JOAN TO CALL ON PUTMAN AND SICKELS OF THAT AGENCY JUNE 3. PRIOR TO THAT THEY SPENT MORE THAN TWO HOURS IN DEPARTMENT WITH TORREY, ARA, AND HOFFACKER, S/CCT DEPARTMENT VISIT INCLUDED LUNCHEON AND TOUR OF OPERATION CENTER.
2. THEIR MAIN PREOCCUPATIONS, WHICH THEY VOICED IN BOTH INTERVIEWS, WERE:
A) ANDRA'S DECISION TO TAKE BUS FROM BORDER TO NEW YORK;
B) FEAR THAT KEESEE'S ARREST COULD ADD TO JOHN PATTERSON'S INSECURITY; AND
C) LACK OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE NOW THAT KEESEE ARREST HAS BEEN MADE AND TRIAL IS EXPECTED.
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ON LATTER POINT, DEPARTMENT OFFICERS UNDERLINED, AS DID

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FBI, THAT FOR SOUND JUDICIAL REASONS FBI IS EVEN MORE

CONSTRAINED CONCERNING DIVULGING INFORMATION ON CASE TO OUTSIDE PARTIES, INCLUDING DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY. CASE COULD VERY WELL BE PREJUDICED IF LEAKS OF RAW INTELLIGENCE, ETC., WERE TO BE DISCLOSED. MRS. PATTERSON EXPRESSED INTEREST IN "FILLING IN" WITH DAUGHTER SUE OR OTHERS IN HERMOSILLO OR MEXICO CITY IF ANDRA'S ABSENCE IN ANY WAY DIMINISHED EFFECTIVENESS OF CONTINUING ALERT AND INVESTIGATION AT THE EMBASSY/CONSULATE END. DEPARTMENT OFFICERS ASSURED HER THAT WITH OR WITHOUT FAMILY MEMBER PRESENT IN MEXICO, CASE WOULD BE PURSUED WITH SAME VIGOR AS PREVIOUSLY.

3. BOTH LADIES SHOW DISTRESSING STRAIN OF MORE THAN TWO MONTHS OF ANGUISH. HOPEFULLY THEIR VISIT HERE WILL BE AS REASSURING AS WAS MRS. PATTERSON'S RECENT EXPERIENCE IN MEXICO CITY, WHICH SHE DESCRIBED AS REWARDING. KISSINGER

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